



The Office of
the City Manager

March 18, 2020

**ORDER
MAYOR'S COURT AND CLERK OF COURT**

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in response to the growing COVID-19 pandemic. In response to this public health emergency, the City of Hilliard is taking measures to minimize the number of people gathered in any City Building. The City is specifically limiting public access to the Joint Safety Services Building, which contains the Hilliard Mayor's Court, in an effort to protect our police and fire first responders located in that building.

Mayor's Court

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 20-10, effective March 16, 2020, it is hereby ordered that Hilliard Mayor's Court modify its schedule in order to protect the public while maintaining essential court functions and protecting the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court. Hilliard Mayor's Court will not be held for eight (8) weeks beginning March 18, 2020. The earliest sessions will resume is May 13, 2020. Defendants and Defense Counsel will be mailed new notices of court date once the City confirms the date Mayor's Court will resume.

The City finds that such a continuance is not only reasonable, but necessary to protect public health. Pursuant to ORC 2945.72(H), the City and Hilliard Mayor's Court consider this "a reasonable continuance other than on the accused's own motion" in light of the pandemic, declared public health emergency, recommendation of "social distancing", and the importance of limiting exposure to our first responders.

Clerk of Courts Office

The Clerk of Courts Office located in the Joint Safety Services building is closed to public visitors for at least eight (8) weeks beginning March 17, 2020. The earliest it will reopen to public visitors is May 13, 2020. The Clerk of Courts Office will conduct all business by telephone and email. Payments can be made online through the Mayor's Court website and will temporarily be accepted over the telephone during the period of this Order.

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